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1. IN RESPONSE TO REPEATED AND URGENT INQUIRIES FROM THE RRINCIPAL OPPOSITION PARTY HERE (THE SOCIALIST PSOE) OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, WE HAVE PASSED THEM THE TEXTS OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENTS, AND IN ADDITION (FOLLOWING A SPECIAL REQUEST) TELEPHONED THE OPERATIONS CENTER, WHOSE DR WATCH FORCE PROVIDED US AN EXCELLENT RUN-DOWN WHICH WE IMMEDIATELY PASSED TO THE PSOE.

2. AT LUNCH WITH THE CHARGE TODAY, TWO TOP PSOE LEADERS (INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY LUIS YANEZ AND ENRIQUE MUGICA, CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESS' DEFENSE COMMITTEE) EMPHASIZED NOT ONLY THEIR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT, BUT THEII GRATITUDE FOR OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THEM INFORMED AND THEIR FAVORABLE REACTION TO THE FIRM PRO-DEMOCRATIC STANCE THE U.S. HAD TAKEN VIS-A-VIS THE ELECTIONS THERE, A STANCE WHICH THEY CLEARLY BELIEVED TO BE OF FUNDAMENTAL CONFIDENTIAL.

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IMPORTANCE IN PRESERVING THE INTEGRITY OF THE DOMINICAN ELECTORAL PROCESS.

3. WE CONSIDER THESE TO BE IMPORTANT DIVIDENDS WHICH WE WOULD LIKE TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO REAP. WE THEREFORE REQUEST THAT WE BE PUT ON DISTRIBUTION FOR ANY AND ALL OF THE MORE COMPREHENSIVE SITREPS THAT ARE PRODUCED EITHER

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